

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

APPLICANT: Matthias Niethammer CONFIRMATION NO. 8170  
SERIAL NO.: 10/804,683 GROUP ART UNIT: 2882  
FILED: March 19, 2004  
TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOTE SERVICING OF  
AN EXTERNAL COMPONENT OF AN INSTALLED MEDICAL  
SYSTEM

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

S I R:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application.

AL DE 100 65 668

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

Reference AL was cited in an Office Action dated August 16, 2007, rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application.

A copy of Reference AL is submitted herewith, together with Form 1449.

An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicant, however, the copy of Reference AL submitted herewith has an English Abstract attached thereto.

As of the date of transmittal of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

Should the transmittal of this Information Disclosure Statement cross with a first Office Action, this Information Disclosure Statement is still in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), and no fee is necessary. Accordingly, the undersigned representative of the Applicant states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), that Reference AL was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Early consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

Submitted by,

 (Reg. 28,982)

SCHIFF, HARDIN LLP  
**CUSTOMER NO. 26574**  
Patent Department  
6600 Sears Tower  
233 South Wacker Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Telephone: 312/258-5790  
Attorneys for Applicant.

Form PTO-1449  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b> (use several sheets if necessary)					Docket No. P04,0082		Serial No. 10/804,683	
					Applicant Matthias Niethammer			
					Filing Date March 19, 2004		Group Art Unit 2882	
<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
Examiner's Initials		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If appropriate	
	AA							
	AB							
	AC							
	AD							
	AE							
	AF							
	AG							
	AH							
	AI							
	AJ							
	AK							
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
							Yes	No
	AL	DE 100 65 668	08/09/2001	Germany				
	AM							
	AN							
	AO							
	AP							
	AQ							
	AR							
	AS							
<b>OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</b>								
	AT							
	AU							
	AV							
	AW							
	AX							
	AY							
	AZ							
Examiner			Date Considered					
<b>*EXAMINER:</b> Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.								